S.No. 2 to 10 and 15 have been awarded to the different multiple agencies and are nearing completion. Only ancillary works have been executed in respect of S.No. 11&12.

In addition to the above, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Government of J&K for execution of 7 hydro electric projects by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC). These projects are:

1. Kishenganga HEP (330 MW)
2. Uri HEP Stage-II (280 MW)
3. Sewa-IIHEP(120MW)
4. Pakal Dul HEP (1000 MW)
5. Bursar HEP (1020 MW)
6. Nimmo Bazgo HEP (30 MW)
7. Chutak HEP (18 MW)

Of these projects NHPC is taking up infrastructure development for Sewa-II, Pakal Dul, Bursar and Uri II.

Setting up a Thermal Power Station at Barh in Bihar by NTPC

1774. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation is setting up a Thermal Power Station at Barh in Bihar;

(b) if so, when its foundation stone was laid and by when it is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) the total cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is setting up Barh Super Thermal Power Station (3x660 MW) in Patna district, Bihar. Central Electricity Authority has accorded techno-economic clearance to this project on 28.9.2001. The foundation stone for the project was laid down by the Prime Minister on 6.3.1999. The present estimated cost of the project is Rs.7947.38 crore, including Interest During Construction and Working

Capital Margin, at 2nd quarter, 2001 price level. The project is expected to be completed within 80 months from the date of investment approval with commercial operation date as follows:

Unit I	,60 months
Unit II	70 months
Unit III	80 months

The 1st unit is identified for benefit in 10th Plan period

Demand of Power in the Country

1775. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of power in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of works undertaken by the Central Sector/Private Companies for setting up of power projects during 1999, 2000, 2001 till date along with capacity thereof, State-wise;

(c) the present status of power projects; and

(d) the details of new power projects proposed to be set up and renovated during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Details of State-wise energy requirements and peak load demand for the year 2001-02 (April-October, 2001) are given in the Statement-I *(See* below)

(b) and (c) Details of State-wise thermal and hydro power projects in Central Sector and Private Sector cleared/sanctioned during 1999, 2000 and 2001 till date along with capacity, present status etc. are given in Statement-II *(See* below).

(d) Details of Generating capacity Addition programme 2001-02 and also renovation and modernisation and uprating schemes under progress during 2001-02 (both thermal and hydro) are given in Statement-III and IV.